

ITEMS FOR MR. CARY FOR THE DCI 9:00 MEETING ON: 27 February 1976
Date

FROM: WPB

Name

SUBJECT:

1. The Olson bill was introduced by Senator Mathias Wednesday. (S.3035)

2. H.R. 8617 will be considered by the Senate early next week. It lifts various Hatch Act restrictions on political activities by Federal employees. It passed the House by over 2 to 1 margin several months ago and will probably pass the Senate, although the President has said he would veto it. There is some question as to whether his veto would be sustained. The Republicans oppose any weakening of the Hatch Act, and Senator Dole (R., Kan.) has introduced an amendment which would continue Hatch Act restrictions with respect to employees of the Department of Justice, CIA, and the IRS.